Vermont Girl Visits Relatives In Georgia.

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(Copyright, 1912, by Associated Literary Press.) "What a funny name, anyway." Doris knelt on the nearest chair and leaned over her cousin's shoulder to get a better look at the letter. "Charity Lavinia Warren. I wish we could keep her out of sight until the Courtright dance is over, Eve."

Evelyn did not answer. She was reading the little faintly scented note once more. She had never dreamed that Charity Warren would ever have accepted her half-hearted invitation and come clear from Fairville, Vt., down to Pinehurst, Ga., to spend Thanksgiving.

"It won't be a bit what she ex-pects, either," went on Doris. "No snow, harvest home festivals, barn dances, sleigh rides; nothing us and the hotel. Whatever will we

"How old do you suppose she is?"

Sixty? "No. She's thirty-two, I think, Ask

father." · Major Warren raised his eyebrows when the girls broke the news and

shook his head. "Bless my heart, children, don't ask me. She's the only child of old Jed Warren, I know, my father's cousin. Rather distant, but all in the family. Treat her as nicely as you know mind. Cousin Jed gave me a royal time years ago up in the old Vermout mountains. Never tasted such maple sirup in my life. Fine horses, too, Jed had. Be nice to his little girl. Doris."

"That's all the comfort he'll give us. Eve," Doris pouted. "Men never understand delicate situations."

Evelyn, twenty-four, and self-possessed, handled the situation as the major himself would have done. The



"We've Always Believed in Buell."

little country cousin would arrive the day before Thanksgiving. The major was busy entertaining young Buell Carteret, the western judge, who had turned old politics upside down like a wormoout basket in his state, and shaken out all the rubbish of years

Dorls was taken up with prepara tions for the dance, and Evelyn saw that a suite of pleasant rooms were set aside, for Charity. A group of northern friends had arrived from New York, and she found she could readily akreed to pica but the major own trap. "np" in his

"Yes, but he's picked up Judge Carteret, too," said Doris, catching a flying glimpse of them as she hesitated on the broad veranda. "I hope he doesn't fail in love with Charity."

When the Northern express drev the sun had fust slipped behind the shoulder of Rig Tumble mountain. The great pines on its unlifted crest looked gaunt and here against the vivid sky. Lonely amough it looked to Charity as she stepped down from the eleeper, and the very face that met her eyes was Buek's. Before the major could ,'n troduce himself the judge was pefore him, hat off, all his heart in his eyes as he seized Charity's little hand.
"Know her?" he exclaimed after

the half-laughing explanations. "Why. I learned all I know in old Jed Warren's law office up in Fairville, major He took me one day when I strolled into town with nothing but a violin and my mother's Bible to carry me through the world, and he put me on my feet. Little Miss Charity, here, was about seven then, I guess. I was a big country gawk of eighteen. Remember me, Miss Charity?"

Charity looked up at him shyly, but with a gleam of fun in her soft gray-blue eyes.

"I remember that you never called

me Miss Charity then, Buell."
"But, bless. my heart, child, don't you know he's the rising judge of the middle west," exclaimed the major. We have to treat him with respect and I'll wager my best fox hound never were called Buell east of the Cumberland before, judge."

"But I have north of the Berkshires," laughed Carteret.

After the first shock of

BEING NICE TO HER Charity on friendly terms with the lion of Pinehurst, the girls corralled her in her own sitting room. Even Evelyn's critical eye could find no fault with her, this little distant cousin from the maple sugar state. She was as graceful and well poised as one of her own deer, eyes, grayblue and heavily fringed, fair hair wound in broad plaits about her head, and little curly wisps escaping here and there. Besides, she had dimples, and a little demure one-sided smile that disarmed criticism.

"But where and how did you ever know Judge Carteret?" asked Doris, in surprise. "Do you know how wonderful he is, and that even father thinks he is the coming man of the country."

"My father thought that years ago." said Charity, happily. "We've always believed in Buell."

"It seems so strange, your coming way down here from the wilds of Ver mont-

"Oh, Fairville's quite a good-sized interposed Charity loyally town," 'And we've got a new public library this year."

"Well, you are certainly a darling, and we're mighty proud to have you in the family," cried Evelyn, clasping her arms around the little norther-"And I guess you'll have to ner. lead the cotillon since you know the judge."

"Oh, but I don't know how to lead anything," laughed Charity. "And I think I'd better walk behind you Cousin Eve.

She did walk behind Evelyn at the dance, but beside her was Judge Carteret, and during most of the evening. Only Evelyn saw them slip into the moonlit gardens toward midnight, and she said nothing. If there was a little pang of heartache for the handsome young westerner, she smothered it lovally. It was a good thing he was even to be in the family, she told her-

Out on the broad terrace looking seaward the judge asked Charity questions, several of them.

"I was about twenty-four when I went west, wasn't I, and you were thirteen, Charity; just a little girl? Why wouldn't you let me kiss you goodby? I've often wondered."

Charity looked down at the purple and white flowers in her hand

"I was almost grown up." "But when I came back to visit your father and you were sixteen, Charity, still you wouldn't let me

kiss you goodby." "I never thought you'd notice it,"

whispered Charity. "Didn't you want to?"

"I-I don't know." "Listen, love of mine-"

"I think we'd better go back."
"We're not going back." His hands
clasped hevs strongly "I found out long ago that if I wanted anything more than all else in the world, I must fight for it and win it. Don't you know I've always wanted you, Charity? Don't you?"

"Oh, Buell," she lifted her face impulsively, and he could see the tears glisten on her lashes. "Let me go. I'm not the woman for you to marry. You're successful now, and the climb ing up and up, they say, and I'm just here where I was when you saw me

last. "Thank God you are," said the judge huskily. "I know the face I love best in the world, and the fairest roses of life, dear, grow in the old-

fashioned gardens " The major coughed violently be

hind them. "My dance, I believe, Charity, child," he began. Then one good look at the pair startled him. "Bless my heart,

judge, I beg your pardon. Another time, child, another time." MUST HUSTLE TO FIRST BASE

A Little Figuring Shows Why Batsman and Ball Generally Reach There Close Together.

How many baseball enthusiasts know how fast the average from feet trayele of bat? Ask any fan and his answer will be anywhere from 20 to 200 miles an hour

Split-second watches and careful timng of many grounded balls have established the fact that the average speed of ground balls-that is, those struck by the bat of the batsman from a fair pitched ball, which strike the field before they are in a fielder's hands-is at the rate of almost 60 miles an hour. Sixty miles an hour is 88 feet per second. The bases are 90 feet apart. A man who can run 100 yards in 11 seconds, which is fast running for anyone, particularly so for a man with baseball shoes and uniform on, can run 90 feet in 3.3 seconds. it any wonder that a ball which is fielded in its first 100 feet of travel usually reaches first just a fraction ot' a second before or after the runner

set & foot upon it? Every fan knows that the many close decisions at first base form one of the fascinations of the game. The speed of the batted ball, the speed at which a fielder can travel from his po sition to a point where he can meet and field the batted ball, pick it up. set himself for the throw, the speed of the ball across the diamond from his throw, and the speed of the traveling runner are so quickly balanced that it is always a question whether or not the runner will a'et there in time for the crowd to see th'e empire's hand go down or whether he will face a thumb

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Spanish Wedding Is Ruined If One Person Appears Entirely in Black -Some Other Signs.

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When a person's hair ends split, it's taken by the superstitious for a sign that she is either a witch or has been bewitched. As blond hair splits more readily than dark hair, all witches, spirits and sorceresses have blond or red hair, according to popular belief. Likewise, according to the standard of art

On the marriage eve there is often much good-natured rivalry between the groom and the bride in the Slav countries as to who shall blow out the candle, for the person who does will be "first to die." It is impossible to trace the origin of this superstition, yet it prevails in aristocratic society as well as in the peasant's hut, even as like this, that "to insure the life and health of the children" the woman must occupy the right side of the bed. In addition, she must not smoke before her forty-fifth year.

There is a superstition in this country and many others against burning a broom. The bud of birch broom is used in southern Germany as a preventive against crystpelas. These buds, a piece of yellow wax and some other articles are inclosed in a pink silk bag, secured with red silk and worn on the back of the neck. person must change bis shirt every Friday.

A Pen and Ink Shakespeare.

Woodrow Wilson, on a recent visit to Atlantic City, referred good humoredly to his rather Megibile handwrit-'But my hand is nothing," he said,

"to that of Horace Greeley. "Poor Greeley ence quoted from Shakespeare in a leading article, 'Tile

true, 'tis pity, and pity 'tis true.'
"This appeared the next day: "Tis two, 'Us fifty, 'tis fifty, 'tis

fifty-two."

BURNED AND ITCHED BADLY

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TEXT TAKEN TOO LITERALLY

Ten-Year-Old Julia Gets Into Bad Graces of Mother by Giving Tramp a Half-Dollar.

"Be not forgetful to entertain strangers; for thereby some have entertained angels unawares."

The foregoing quotation is from chapter 13, verse 2, Book of Hebrews. and it is introduced solely because it constitutes a vital part of this story. Julia is ten years old and she goes to Sunday school. It appears that on a recent occasion the Sunday school teacher had considerable to say about this matter of "entertaining angels unawares." Anyway, it made a deep impression with Julia.

A few days after the lesson Julia's mother left her in charge of the house for a few hours. When the mother returned she went to a particular cup in the cupboard to extract therefrom one-half dollar. In this cup is kept the family pin money, and Julia's mother knew that she had put fifty cents there before she had gone out. But the half dollar was gone. There was an expression of anxiety on Julia's face and mother scented mischief.

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"Did you take that money?" asked the mother, somewhat severely.

Julia broke into tears. "I gave it to a man that came to the back door," sobbed the little girl. "Gave it to a man!" exclaimed the

"What for?" "I thought he might be God," tearfully replied Julia.—Kansas City Star.

HOW IT SEEMED TO HIM.



City Cousin-The hotel you were stopping at, was it on the American

European plan? Country Cousin-Waal, I don't jest exactly know, but I think it must hev bin on th' get-rich-quick plan.

Sang for Sultan.

Mulai Hafid, the ex-sultan of Morocco, while staying at Vichy, in France, made an excursion to Les Ardolsieres, says the "Matin," where Napoleon III. used often to go for rest. Three young girls, sisters, timidly approached the sultan and asked him to sign postcards. Mulai Hafid consented on condition that they would each sing a song to him. Two of the girls at once complied, and the delighted Mulai Hafle wrote on their cards words which, translated, mean: poleon III., I have visited Les Ardolsieres, where I have enjoyed, together with the calm and freshness of na ture, the grace and charm of the voices of Miles. Paalette and Clo-tilde." The third girl did not know how to sing, but one of her sisters having sung for her the sultan added the name of Gabriciie

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